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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 2595

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FINNISH SUPPORT FOR PRG

1. PRESS REPORTS CONFEDERATION OF FINNISH TRADE UNIONS
(SAK) DECEMBER 20 DONATED 70,000 FINNMARKS (\$20,000)
TO HELSINKI REPRESENTATIVES OF PROVISIONAL REVOLUTION-
ARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM TO COVER EXPENSES OF
PRG INFORMATION OFFICE HERE. SAK QUOTED AS SAYING
PRG IS THE GOVERNMENT TRULY REPRESENTING SOUTH VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE WHILE SAIGON GOVERNMENT CONTINUES VIOLATE PARIS
AGREEMENT WITH USG SUPPORT. DECEMBER 20 CONTRIBUTION
IS SECOND BY SAK TO PRG OFFICE HERE. SAK MEMBER
UNIONS--METALWORKERS AND CHEMICAL WORKERS (BOTH
IN WHICH SOCDOMS HAVE NARROW MAJORITY OVER COM-
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MUNISTS)--HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO PRG.

2. SOME MONTHS AGO HEAD MFA POLITICAL DEPT OPINED TO DCM THAT IF PRG MADE DETERMINED BID UPGRADE ITS INFORMATION OFFICE IN HELSINKI, GOF WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT RESIST FOLLOWING SWEDISH EXAMPLE. EMB HAS MADE USG VIEWS CLEAR TO GOF ON NUMBER OCCASIONS, MOST RECENTLY DURING DEC 10 MEETING AMB KREHBIEL WITH FONMIN KARJALAINEN. SINCE SAK INFLUENTIAL IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND LATTER IS LARGEST PARTY IN GOVERNING COALITION, BELIEVE SOME FURTHER ACTION DESIRABLE TO DELAY IF NOT HEAD OFF UPGRADING OF PRG INFORMATION OFFICE IN HELSINKI.

3. EMB SUGGESTS DIRECT APPROACH TO SAK BY TRADE UNION GROUPS SYMPATHETIC TO REPUBLIC SOUTH VIETNAM MIGHT HELP CHIP AWAY AT FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT FOR PRG AND THUS LESSEN SOCDEM PRESSURE FOR UPGRADING OF LOCAL PRG INFORMATION OFFICE. ANY APPROACHES, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PLANNED SO AS NOT TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE ONE "RESPECTED" BY SAK (FOR EXAMPLE ICFTU OR GERMAN DGB RATHER THAN FRENCH FO). APPROACH SHOULD ALSO BE AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL (I.E. CHAIRMAN) TO BYPASS LEFTIST-DOMINATED INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
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